

Testimony in Support of HB 506

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REQUIRING COMPLIANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES CONSTITUTION REGARDING FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS IN MONTANA; DIRECTING THE BOARD OF LAND COMMISSIONERS TO ACQUIRE FEDERAL LANDS NOT LEGALLY OBTAINED; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE."

Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Roger Nummerdor and I am a resident of the Helena valley. I stand here in full support of Representative Skees HB 506.

As Rep. Skees bill states the powers of the Federal Government are limited and all other powers not listed in the Constitution of the United States are reserved to the States respectively, or to the people.

For years we Montana's have had our land taken by mandates from the Federal Government and HB 506 will require the Federal Government to follow the Constitution and show under what authority they have taken these lands. It will provide a process in which those lands will be returned to the State of Montana.

HB506 I feel will help reestablish our Tenth Amendment rights, a right that we have abdicated for too long, and require the Federal Government to follow its few enumerated powers; if and when it feels it needs Montana land in the future.

I strongly urge you to support HB 506 and establish that the States created the Federal Government and gave it limited powers, and reserved the rest for the State and WE the PEOPLE.